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Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

In the matter of the application being filed herewith, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please enter the following as the first paragraph in the specification immediately following the title:

-- This application claims priority from co-pending U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/238,206 filed October 5, 2000. --

A Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

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